



Roseanne Skinkle wrote a poem about her shadow that helped her in the pageant.

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Pageant winner heads to Canadians

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beauty contest winner will be going for gold at the Deaf Canada pageant.

Roseanne Skinkle, 25, earned first runner-up honors at the Deaf Ontario pageant in Milton, Ont., and her a berth in the Canadian pageant, which takes place in B.C.

"I'm excited," said Skinkle through a sign interpreter. "I never thought I'd win."

At the contest was last month, Skinkle hasn't come out of myself," she signed. "Also it makes my family

very proud of me."

Skinkle came second thanks to a first place finish in the competition's talent category. Her poem "Me and My Shadow" describes the loneliness of living in a silent world.

"I'm lonely," she signs. "But my shadow, we are the same; no voice, can't hear and no harm... My shadow always stays with me. I'm not lonely anymore."

Skinkle wrote the insightful poem one morning. Her first creative attempt surprised Skinkle, a bank worker.

"I think it is a very beautiful poem," she signed. "I surprised myself that I have the skill of writing a poem."

And Skinkle can't wait for the Miss Deaf Canada pageant.

"I'll do my best," she signed. "It is important for my experience. I'm very excited to challenge the other girls in Miss Canada, I hope I'll win the talent award again."

1:00 to 4:00 p.m.